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### **Commission Awards \$890,909 Grant to San Diego State University and City Schools to Improve Teacher Quality**

San Diego State University will receive a three-year grant of \$890,909 in federal monies that have been earmarked to improve the quality of teaching. Partnering with San Diego City Schools, this project is aimed at helping mathematics teachers with their subject matter competence and instructional practices.

Thirty teachers in eight low-performing schools will take twelve semester units of upper division mathematics courses and three units of graduate education courses designed for middle school teachers. Because a high percentage of these teachers are teaching without a credential, the program is expected to provide opportunities for teachers to demonstrate subject matter competence, thereby meeting the requirements of the *Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

The primary goal of this particular project is to provide middle school teachers with the opportunity to develop an understanding of the mathematics that they teach, and to couple this with support for developing stronger instructional practices.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission has been administering federal funds to improve teacher professional development since 1984. This year the Commission has made awards totaling over \$10 million in grants to K-12 schools and universities statewide.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the state's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities. More information about the Commission and its work can be found at its website at [www.cpec.ca.gov](http://www.cpec.ca.gov). Regarding this program, you may contact Susan Nickerson, San Diego State University, at (619) 594-4338; or Kristin Acquarelli, San Diego City Schools Mathematics Department, at (619) 725-7300.